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1. ACCORDING TO A CENTO SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, PAKISTAN, TURKEY AND THE U.K. HAVE AGREED TO APRIL 23-26 FOR THE 1977 MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT PERSEPOLIS, IRAN. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPLIED THAT THESE DATES AND THE LOCATION ARE ACCEPTABLE.

2. PERSEPOLIS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE AN INTERESTING SITE FOR ANY MEETIN. WE RECALL THAT WHEN THE GOI OFFERED EITHER TEHRAN OR PERSEPOLIS AS POSSIBLE SITES THEY RECOMMENDED THE LATTER, AT THE SAME TIME INDICATING THAT THIS MORE OUT-OF-THE-WAY SITE WOULD REQUIRE AN EXTRA DAY FOPII FROM TEHRAN. IF THE MEETING WERE IN TEHRAN ITSELF, SOMEWHAT LESS TIME WOULD HAVE TO BE SET ASIDE FROM FOREIGN MINISTERS' SCHEDULES. THIS MAY BE A FACTOR A BUSY US SECRETARY OF STATE MAY WISH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

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